

REPORTS OF
WILLIAMSBURG
TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year Ending

February 1, 1912

1911

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

THE GAZETTE PRINTING COMPANY

1912

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To elect three Selectmen, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tax Collector, two Constables, two Auditors, and one Tree Warden, all for one year. Also one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Sinking Fund Commissioner, one Library Trustee, and one School Committee, all for three years. Also to vote on the question : Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? Yes or No, all on one ballot.

ART. 3.—To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the current expenses of the Town.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year beginning February 1, 1912, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$18,000.00, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

ART. 6.—To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, School and other committees, and act thereon.

ART. 7.—To hear the report of the Water Commissioners, and act thereon.

ART. 8.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day and choose a committee to expend the same.

ART. 9.—To choose a committee to expend the income of the Whiting Street Fund.

ART. 10.—To fix the amount of the salary of the Tax Collector.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintaining Street Lights.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of school physicians.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the building of a section of State Highway.

ART. 14.—To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to contract for the building of a section of State Highway the coming season.

ART. 15.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to equip the vault with steel filing devices as required by law.

ART. 16.—To see if the Town will vote to strengthen or replace the bridge near the Post Office in the village of Williamsburg, or take any action relative thereto.

ART. 17.—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of Forest Fire apparatus.

ART. 18.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for an Electric Light to be located on Bridge Street, Haydenville, near the Club Hall.

ART. 19.—Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and eight, entitled “An Act to provide for the protection of forest or sprout lands from fire, be accepted by this town.

ART. 20.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for an Electric Light to be located on the corner of Hatfield and High Streets, Haydenville, near the residence of F. J. Vining.

ART. 21.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to paint the Williamsburg Engine House.

ART. 22.—To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for an Electric Light to be located on Hatfield Road, near the residence of George Dansereau.

Town Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report,	\$426 98
Received from taxes of 1910,	3,602 35
from taxes of 1911,	17,366 41
Income Collins School Fund,	775 80
State School Fund,	1,309 47
Whiting Street Fund,	290 00
from Temporary Loans,	17,000 00
" State Highway Commission,	3,764 81
Refund of Dog Tax,	135 07
for schooling of State wards,	674 25
" City of Boston wards,	342 50
for High School tuition, State,	175 00
Superintendent of Schools Fund,	375 00
Teachers' Fund,	250 00
Industrial School account,	102 50
State Corporation tax,	400 56
National Bank tax,	578 16
Street R. W. Corporation tax,	391 56
" " Excise tax,	478 44
State Aid reimbursed,	896 00
Burial of Ind. Soldiers reimbursed,	111 00
Military Aid refunded,	7 50
District Court fines,	62 70
Comp. Inspection of Animals,	13 50
Support of State paupers,	25 45
Contagious Diseases from State,	166 86
Individuals on pauper account,	56 99
Town of Northborough, pauper acct.,	190 16

Received for Sundry Licenses,	\$31 00
Sale of crushed stone,	18 25
Rent of Town Hall,	30 00
Interest on deposits,	147 15
Rebate, Old Colony Trust Co.,	13 07
Interest on over-due taxes,	69 25
State, reimbursement of taxes,	8 96
Sundry articles sold,	9 59
Sale of Loomis lot,	40 00
From Chesterfield on forest fires,	3 00
“ fines, Haydenville Library,	3 75
“ Water Commissioners,	3,000 00
	<hr/> \$53,343 04

EXPENDITURES.

Paid State tax,	\$1,595 00
County tax,	1,563 38
Temporary Loans,	18,100 00
on Vaughn “	500 00
on orders School Committee,	10,166 92
“ Selectmen, poor acct.,	2,011 62
“ “ highways and bridges,	2,111 87
“ “ Contingent acct.,	2,270 03
“ “ Street Lights,	1,347 98
“ “ Military Aid,	194 58
“ “ Fire Department	92 50
“ “ School Physician,	98 00
“ “ State Highway, Sect. 1,	1,597 44
“ “ State Highway, Sect. 1, Ext.,	2,326 14
“ “ State Highway, Sect. 2,	850 98
“ “ State Highway, dugway,	158 47

Paid on orders Selectmen, power for	
stone crusher,	\$436 95
“ “ Public Library,	188 43
“ “ Sprinkling Wagon,	100 00
Water Commissioners, for hy-	
drants, etc.,	500 00
Water Commissioners, for exten-	
sion of service,	1,107 13
Interest on Loans,	730 19
“ Water Bonds,	2,000 00
Burial of Indigent Soldiers,	74 00
Memorial Day Committee,	50 00
State Aid,	782 00
Orders of Selectmen, repairs on	
sidewalk,	471 12
Almoners of Whiting Street Fund,	290 00
Repairs of State Highway,	132 50
Sinking Fund Commissioners,	1,000 00
Balance to new account,	495 81
	————— \$53,343 04

INCOME FROM COLLINS SCHOOL FUND.

Dividend on 20 shares Northampton Na-	
tional Bank Stock,	\$200 00
Dividend on 20 shares Hampshire County	
National Bank Stock,	100 00
Dividend on 12 shares Mechanic National	
Bank Stock,	96 00
Dividend on 21 shares First National	
Bank of Greenfield,	168 00
Dividend on 21 shares First National	
Bank of Northampton,	147 00
Interest at Haydenville Savings Bank,	64 80
	————— \$775 80

TOWN ASSETS.

Balance in Treasury,	\$ 495 81
Due on tax levy, 1911,	3,317 53
“ State Aid account,	782 00
“ Military Aid account,	97 29
Due for Inspection of Animals,	13 50
“ from Town of Northborough,	120 04
Amount of Sinking Fund,	9,035 60
Balance,	41,263 23
	—————\$55,125 00

LIABILITIES.

Due R. F. Burke, salary 1911,	\$125 00
“ I. F. Baker legacy,	300 00
“ H. W. Warner legacy,	100 00
“ Wm. F. Warner, gift for care of burial lot,	100 00
“ Haydenville Savings Bank, tax loans,	2,500 00
“ Haydenville Savings Bank, Vaughn loan,	2,000 00
Water Bonds,	50,000 00
	—————\$55,125 00

SCHOOL ASSETS.

Appropriation, Teachers,	\$5,000 00
“ Superintendent,	375 00
“ Text Books and Supplies,	450 00
“ Tuition,	250 00
“ Repairs,	400 00
Received Income, Mass. School Fund,	1,309 47
“ “ Collins “ “	775 80
“ from State for H. S. tuition,	175 00
“ “ Schooling State Wards,	674 25
“ “ City of Boston, schooling,	342 50

Received from refund dog tax,	\$137 05	
“ “ Supt. of Schools' Fund,	375 00	
“ “ Teachers' Fund,	250 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,512 09
Paid orders of School Committee,		10,166 92
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Balance,		\$345 17

STATEMENT OF WATER DEBT.

Town Water Bonds,	\$50,000 00
Less amount of Sinking Fund,	9,035 60
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	\$40,964 40

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Old Colony Trust Co.,	\$ 484 31
Haydenville S. B.,	224 88
Interest on Baker Legacy, 2 yrs.,	21 00
Interest on Water Bonds,	2,000 00
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	\$2,730 19

AVAILABLE FOR INTEREST.

Appropriation,	\$2,300 00
Received Interest on Deposits,	147 15
“ Rebate from O. C. T. Co.,	13 07
“ Interest on overdue taxes,	69 25
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	\$2,529 47
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Balance overdrawn,	\$200 72

TEMPORARY LOAN ACCOUNT.

1911.

Mar. 21.	Borrowed of Old Colony Trust Co., rate 3.18%,	\$15,000 00
Oct. 3.	Borrowed of Old Colony Trust Co., rate 4.125%,	15,000 00
Nov. 16.	Borrowed from Haydenville Savings Bank, 4%,	2,000 00
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		\$32,000 00

Mar. 29.	Paid Haydenville Savings	
	Bank on Vaughn Loan,	\$ 500 00
Mar. 29.	Paid Loan for State H. W.	600 00
Mar. 29.	Paid on Tax Loan, 1910,	600 00
Oct. 4.	Paid Old Colony Trust Co.	15,000 00
Dec. 7.	Paid on Tax Loan, 1910,	1,000 00
Feb. 8.	Paid Old Colony Trust Co.	15,000 00
Feb. 16.	Paid on Tax Loan, 1910,	900 00
		————— \$33,600 00

OUTSTANDING.

Haydenville Savings Bank, Tax Loan,	\$2,500 00
“ “ “ Vaughn,	2,000 00

STATE AID ACCOUNT.

Paid Mrs. Agnes M. Adams,	\$48 00
George H. Ames,	72 00
Myron Ames,	6 00
Henry H. Hitchcock,	20 00
Mrs. Ellen Ames,	48 00
Adalbert Bailey,	54 00
Mrs. Catherine Brown,	48 00
Mrs. Egesta S. Black,	48 00
Henry A. Bisbee,	48 00
Mrs. Ann E. Courtright,	48 00
Mrs. Mary D. Higgins,	32 00
Henry S. Leonard,	48 00
Mrs. Eliza McCaffrey,	48 00
Mrs. Jane Richardson,	48 00
Mrs. Mary D. Smith,	48 00
Warren A. Flagg,	40 00
Cynthia C. Davis,	8 00
Edward J. House,	30 00
	————— \$782 00

Paid month of February,	\$62 00	
March,	56 00	
April,	64 00	
May,	64 00	
June,	68 00	
July,	68 00	
August,	64 00	
September,	66 00	
October,	74 00	
November,	68 00	
December,	64 00	
January,	64 00	
	<hr/>	\$782 00

STATEMENT OF DOG LICENSES.

96 males at \$2.00 each,	\$192 00	
1 female at \$5.00,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$197 00
Less fees,		19 40
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Paid County Treasurer,		177 60

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, Treasurer.

Selectmen's Report.

To the Citizens of Williamsburg:

Your Selectmen herewith present their report for the year ending February 1, 1912.

In carrying out the vote taken at the last annual meeting for the purchase of a sprinkling wagon, it was necessary to exceed the appropriation in order to get one suitable for our needs. As our report shows we purchased a second-hand wagon, and this wagon has given good satisfaction. As to power for the crusher your Selectmen after careful consideration purchased a 25 horse power, Westinghouse Motor, which has given excellent satisfaction. The section of state road which we were unable to finish last season has been completed. One section of state road of 900 feet, known in contract as section two, and one of 2,300 feet as section one, also one of 1,830 feet as section one, extension, has been completed this season.

We were able with the funds available to extend the work 900 feet beyond the bridge near G. M. Bradford's Mill. And the whole three sections of road have been approved and accepted by the State Highway Commission.

The following is a list of the appropriations for the year 1911, with the expenditures under the different heads.

ITEMS OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1911.

Schools,	\$5,000 00	
Superintendent,	375 00	
Text-books and supplies,	450 00	
Repairs,	400 00	
Tuition,	250 00	
Highways,	1,400 00	
Contingent,	900 00	
Poor,	1,200 00	
Military Aid,	225 00	
Street Light,	1,375 00	
School Physician,	100 00	
Fire Department,	250 00	
Sinking Fund,	1,000 00	
Sidewalks,	400 00	
Interests,	300 00	
Water Tanks and Hydrants,	500 00	
Memorial Day,	50 00	
Library,	200 00	
Power for Crusher,	500 00	
Water Wagon,	75 00	
State Road,	1,000 00	
State Road Dugway,	600 00	
Extension of water, Myrtle Street,	300 00	
Extension of water, High Street,	1,600 00	
	————	\$18,450 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

W. H. Warner,	G. A. Thresher,
E. P. Hemenway,	H. H. Nichols,
John O'Neil,	F. E. Sanderson,
H. H. Cranson.	

Paid R. D. Ames,	labor,	\$50 22
Frank Loomer,	"	68 71
D. E. Atherton,	"	28 63
W. D. Weeks,	"	2 38
F. C. Anderson,	"	21 39
Dennis Brazill,	"	21 01
Wesley Ames,	"	8 00
Edward Black,	"	21 01
Edward Quinn,	"	4 20
F. L. Guilford,	"	10 80
John Geezer,	"	33 65
W. H. Warner,	"	134 59
Edward Guyotte,	"	7 00
Michael Phillips,	"	24 51
James B. Welch,	"	32 50
James B. Stevens,	"	16 44
H. H. Cranson,	"	50 45
H. H. Nichols,	"	65 13
F. E. Sanderson,	"	65 67
Mark Walpole,	"	43 00
D. E. Clary,	"	8 50
E. J. Knox,	"	23 45
F. A. Shumway,	"	1 55
H. G. Hill Co.,	"	24 00
L. B. Sanderson,	"	24 00
A. L. Lincoln,	"	6 25
W. L. Hayden,	"	10 21
A. L. Hayden,	"	9 92
W. H. Harris,	"	36 67
William O'Brien,	"	21 02
Frank Cowing,	"	49 01
P. J. Grace,	"	5 25
G. H. Bisbee,	"	88
S. F. Phillips,	"	3 50
F. A. Brooks,	"	4 00
J. Vernaskey,	"	15 75
Albion Cranson	"	1 75
C. S. Damon,	"	62 27

Paid C. V. Dadman,	labor,	\$8 00
J. E. Pierpont,	"	13 23
John O'Brien,	"	13 23
George Blake,	"	14 98
James O'Brien,	"	7 98
C. M. Damon,	"	9 73
R. G. Bradford,	"	8 00
G. H. Warner,	"	8 75
Albert Lawton,	"	8 75
Harry Warner,	"	10 56
H. C. Ranney,	"	4 95
John Wade,	"	14 71
Almon Everett,	"	10 00
C. K. Merritt,	"	5 00
C. S. Damon, chestnut boards,		3 00
G. A. Thresher, labor and material,		160 64
E. P. Hemenway, labor and material,		90 06
C. R. Damon, chestnut lumber,		66 38
C. S. Damon, posts and railing,		25 75
C. R. Damon, town plank,		328 36
J. J. Handfield, blacksmithing,		3 90
Wm. Chadwick,	"	4 42
Thomas Culver, labor and gravel,		4 04
S. A. Clark, hemlock boards,		3 60
F. W. Thayer, spikes,		55
Henry Dhamke, gravel,		30
H. C. Nash, gravel,		5 00
H. L. Nash, gravel,		21 00
R. F. Burke, sundries,		16 00
W. J. Sheehan, sundries,		5 12
T. A. Orcutt, road plow,		4 00
Edward O'Neil, labor,		4 50
C. A. L. Patch, labor,		2 33
John O'Neil,		3 50
G. M. Bradford, town plank,		196 18
G. M. Bradford, lumber,		8 10
		————— \$2,111 87

AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation,	\$1,400 00
Street Railway Franchise Tax,	391 56
Street Railway Excise Tax,	478 44
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	\$2,270 00

Appropriation recommended, \$1,400.00

EXPENDITURES UNDER CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Paid T. P. Larkin, Auditor,	\$ 3 00
A. G. Cone, “	3 00
T. I. Breckenridge, coal for Town Hall,	5 65
G. M. Bradford, wood for Town Hall,	3 25
H. L. Wells, Ballot Clerk,	3 50
C. R. Damon, “ “	3 50
Fred LaValley, “ “	3 50
Edward O’Neil, “ “	2 50
R. A. Warner, “ “	2 50
R. J. O’Neil, “ “	3 00
M. J. Mullaley, “ “	2 50
C. W. Warner, “ “	2 50
Wright & Potter Printing Co., Assessors’ blanks,	1 07
Sanford Putnam Co., Assessors’ and Collector’s Books,	3 00
H. H. Nichols, Cattle Inspector,	27 00
Boston Nickel Plating Co., plating weights,	8 30
Gazette Printing Co., printing Annual Reports,	62 50
W. M. Purrington, insurance,	163 00
H. H. Nichols, driving hearse,	1 50
Gazette Printing Co., printing ballots,	10 00

Paid Robert Lyman, real estate transfers,	\$6 30
E. C. Robbins & Co., team to Sylvester's fire,	2 50
C. M. Brewster, team to Sylvester's fire,	4 00
A. J. Polmatier, team to Sylvester's fire,	2 50
Williamsburg Fire Co., services at Sylvester's fire,	5 60
Williamsburg Fire Co., services at Polmatier's fire,	3 20
Williamsburg Fire Co., services at forest fires,	35 25
E. E. Bartlett, service forest fires,	80
Glenn Loomer, " " "	40
Geo. Sumner, " " "	40
Edward Loomis, " " "	1 40
Charles Weeks, " " "	1 40
Clyde Nichols, " " "	1 40
Jerry Allen, " " "	40
W. D. Weeks, " " "	60
G. H. Bisbee, " " "	1 60
H. D. Sylvester, " " "	3 60
G. A. Thresher, " " "	1 75
F. Howard, " " "	4 75
Smiths Agr'l School, tuition,	200 00
New England Tel. Co., telephone for G. E. Tennyson,	12 00
Cecil T. Bagnall, dog license book,	1 27
F. E. Sanderson, Tree Warden,	6 50
W. M. Cochran & Co., Collector's Bond,	12 00
Cecil T. Bagnall, order book,	4 25
C. W. Warner, Clerk Primaries,	2 50
M. J. Mullaley, " "	2 50
R. J. O'Neil, " "	2 50
Thomas Coogan, " "	2 50

Paid H. E. Bradford, Clerk Primaries,	\$2 50
W. H. Thayer, " "	2 50
H. W. Hill, " "	2 50
C. S. Damon, " "	2 50
Thayer Mfg. Co., stove pipe and labor, Town Hall,	7 75
W. M. Purrington, Bond, Treas. Sinking Fund,	8 00
H. P. Goddard, School Com- mittee,	75 00
T. F. Dunphy, School Committee,	75 00
G. H. Warner, " "	75 00
C. S. Damon, sundries,	10 21
H. W. Hill, Clerk and Treasurer,	150 00
Lawrence Molloy, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,	100 00
H. H. Nichols, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,	100 00
C. S. Damon, Selectman and Overseer of the Poor,	125 00
C. S. Damon, services with State Aid Visitor,	3 00
James Stone, Precinct Officer, A,	2 50
E. O'Neil, " " "	2 50
J. F. Dunn, " " "	2 50
H. E. Bradford, " " "	2 50
G. H. Bisbee, " " "	2 50
R. A. Warner, " " "	2 50
H. W. Hill, " " "	2 50
W. H. Thayer, " " "	2 50
M. J. Mullaley " " B,	3 00
R. J. O'Neil, " " "	2 50
Thos. Lenihan, " " "	2 50
Thos. Coogan, " " "	2 50
W. S. Smith, " " "	2 50
E. C. Miller, " " "	2 50
C. W. Warner, " " "	2 50
H. W. Warner, " " "	2 50

Paid H. A. Bisbee, Constable,	\$31 35
H. A. Bisbee, Special Police,	25 00
H. A. Bisbee, Janitor,	35 00
H. A. Bisbee, repairs Town Hall,	50
District Court Fees,	85 38
O. W. Hill, Special Police,	3 00
G. A. Thresher, Special Police,	5 00
C. M. Brewster, team Thresher lot forest fire,	5 00
C. M. Brewster, team, Reservoir lot forest fire,	5 00
C. M. Brewster, team, Saw Mill lot forest fire,	5 00
H. W. Hill, recording births, deaths and marriages,	37 80
H. W. Hill, sundries,	3 75
H. W. Hill, Registrar,	10 00
M. E. Riley, “	5 00
S. J. Burke, “	5 00
W. G. Bisbee, “ 1910, 1911,	10 00
A. J. Polmatier, Elector,	10 00
F. J. Vining, Forest Warden,	7 18
John Mansfield, service forest fire,	1 12
Charles O'Brien, “ “	1 12
Martin Mullaley, “ “	1 12
Philip McGowan, “ “	1 13
Thomas O'Brien, “ “	1 13
Jerry Keating, “ “	1 13
Byron Loomis, team to forest fire, Saw Mill Lot,	2 00
Geo. P. O'Donnell, legal services,	4 20
Hobbs & Warren Co., blanks for Overseers of the Poor,	97
Haydenville Hose Co., services at Pyresark fire,	4 30
The Carter Ink Co., record ink,	2 25
A. J. Polmatier, team, South St. and Breckenridge fires,	5 00

Paid Williamsburg Fire Co., services at Breckenridge fire,	\$1 60
Bureau of Statistics for certifi- cation of Town Notes,	12 00
R. F. Burke, sundry abatement of 1910 tax,	118 70
R. F. Burke, Collector, 1910,	125 00
Geo. E. Tennyson, Special Police,	100 00
Lawrence Molloy, Assessor,	35 00
H. H. Nichols, “	35 00
C. S. Damon, “	38 75
H. H. Nichols, inspecting beef, pork and veal,	67 95
Gazette Printing Co., printing letter Heads,	3 50
	<hr/> \$2,270 03

AVAILABLE FOR CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

Appropriation,	\$900 00
National Bank Tax,	578 16
Corporation Tax,	400 56
Rent of Town Hall,	30 00
District Court Fines,	62 70
Sundry licenses and articles sold,	39 75
Compensation of inspection of animals,	13 50
Received from State, Smiths School Account,	102 50
Received from sale of Loomis lot,	40 00
Received from Town of Chesterfield, Forest Fire Account,	3 00
	<hr/> \$2,170 17

Appropriation recommended, \$900 00,
and State, Corporation and Bank Tax.

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Under the provisions of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1910.

Number of persons aided for the year ending February 1, 1912,—45 ; 4 men, 15 women, 14 boys, 12 girls.

Number having a settlement in this Town,	33	
“ “ “ “ other Towns,	4	
“ of State Poor,	8	
Total amount expended,		\$2,011 62

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$1,200 00
Received from other Towns,	190 16
“ the State,	192 31
“ Individuals,	69 14
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	\$1,651 61
Appropriation recommended, \$1,200.00.	

MILITARY AID.

Paid Myron Ames and wife,	\$222 78	
Paid Geo. Cheeney,	41 80	
	<hr/>	\$264 58

AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$225 00
Received from the State,	70 00
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	\$295 00
Appropriation recommended, \$100.00.	

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co.,		
for electric current,	\$1,314 38	
Paid for lamps,	33 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,347 98
Appropriation, \$1,375.00.		
Appropriation recommended, \$1,375.00.		

SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Paid C. H. Wheeler, M. D.,	\$59 00	
Paid J. G. Hayes, M. D.,	39 00	
	<hr/>	\$98 00
Appropriation, \$100.00.		
Appropriation recommended, \$100.00.		

SPRINKLING WAGON.

Paid City of Northampton, for one Sprinkling Wagon,		\$100 00
Appropriation, \$75.00.		

SIDEWALKS.

WILLIAMSBURG VILLAGE.

Paid P. J. O'Connor, expense, 491 square yards walk,	\$235 06	
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HAYDENVILLE VILLGAE.

Paid P. J. O'Connor, expense, 437 square yards walk,	\$236 06	
	<hr/>	\$471 12
Appropriation, \$400.00.		

POWER FOR CRUSHER.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co., for 1 25 horse-power motor and fixtures,	\$421 11	
Paid G. M. Gradford, lumber,	12 74	
F. W. Thayer, sundries,	85	
R. F. Burke, 1 roll roofing paper,	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$436 95
Appropriation, \$500.00.		

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Adelbert Bailey,	\$50 00
Appropriation, \$50.00.	

STATE ROAD.

Under the provisions of Chapter 279, of the Acts of the year 1908, and Chapter 525 of the Acts of the year 1910.

Total amount expended,	\$4,933 03
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AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Allotment No. 1,	1,000 00
“ “ 2,	1,000 00
“ “ 3,	1,750 00
Balance from last report,	305 67
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	\$5,055 67
Balance unexpended,	\$122 64
Received from the State,	\$3,764 81
for broken stone,	18 25
for sale of shovel,	84
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	\$3,783 90
Appropriation recommended, \$1,000 00.	

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Mill River Electric Light Co., electric current and meter charge for Williamsburg and Haydenville Engine Houses,	\$ 9 00
Williamsburg Fire Co., 20 men,	40 00
Haydenville Fire Co., 20 men,	40 00
Byron Loomis, for wood,	3 50
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	\$92 50
Appropriation, \$250 00.	
Appropriation recommended, \$250 00.	

LIST OF JURORS

Prepared by the Selectmen under the provisions of Chap. 348, Acts of the year 1907.

Charles W. Porter,	Farmer.
Harry C. Hosford,	Brass Worker.
Frank C. Graves,	Foreman.
Harry L. Wells,	Assistant Supt.
Warren H. Nash,	Moulder.
Michael J. Cusick,	Brass Worker.
Walter E. Pillinger,	Farmer.
George A. Buck,	Clerk.
Arthur J. Tilton,	Clerk.
Charles W. Warner,	Farmer.
Patrick P. Dunphy,	Brass Worker.
Joseph Novack,	Brass Worker.
J. Walter Nash,	Foreman.
Fred A. Shumway,	Farmer.
Michael H. Smart,	Farmer.
John M. Black,	Farmer.
James F. Dunn,	Polisher.
Thomas Vaughn,	Moulder.
George Danscerau,	Farmer.
Michael E. Riley,	Brass Worker.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. DAMON,	} Selectmen of Williamsburg.
LAWRENCE MOLLOY,	
HALLECK H. NICHOLS,	

REPORT OF SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS.

Dr.

1911.		
Feb. 15.	Cash on hand,	\$746 73
July 10.	Interest on deposit,	13 77
	Interest on bonds,	140 00

1912.

Jan. 1.	Interest on bonds,	\$140 00	
	Interest on deposit,	18 00	
Feb. 7.	Town Treasurer,	1,000 00	
		<hr/>	\$2,058 50

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Feb. 14.	Paid Haydenville Savings		
	Bank for bonds Nos. 43-2,	\$2,014 20	
	Accrued interest,	8 70	
		<hr/>	\$2,022 90
Feb. 14.	Balance of Cash on hand,	35 60	

ASSETS.

1912.

Feb. 14.	Williamsburg bonds Nos.		
	42-50,	\$9,000 00	
	Cash on deposit,	35 60	
		<hr/>	\$9,035 60

C. B. HOSFORD,	} Commissioners.
BYRON LOOMIS,	
H. W. GRAVES,	

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET FUND.

Amount received,	\$290 00	
Balance from last report,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00
Paid 33 beneficiaries, \$ 5.00 each,	\$165 00	
10 " 10.00 each,	100 00	
1 " 16.50,	16 50	
1 " 3.50,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$285 00
Balance on hand,	\$15.00.	

MRS. GEORGE DANSEREAU,	} Almoners.
P. P. DUNPHY,	
W. G. BISBEE,	

Assessor's Report.

Total valuation of Assessed Estate,	\$1,024,615 00
Value of Assessed Real Estate,	\$745,145 00
“ “ Personal Estate,	279,470 00
	—————\$1,024,615 00
“ “ Buildings,	\$507,190 00
“ “ Land,	237,955 00
	————— \$745,145 00

No. of polls assessed,	623
No. of residents assessed on property,	316
All others (corporations, etc.,)	40
No. of non-residents assessed on property,	83
All others,	110
No. of persons assessed on property,	449
“ “ “ for poll tax only,	365
Rate total tax per thousand,	\$19 00
No. of horses, assessed,	276
“ cows, “	403
“ neat cattle, “	204
“ sheep, “	25
“ swine, “	66
“ fowls, “	1,967
“ dwelling houses, “	425

State tax,	\$1,727 50	
County tax,	1,563 38	
Town grant,	17,100 00	
Overlayings,	287 06	
	<hr/>	\$20,677 94
Northampton St. Ry. Co., excise tax,		478 44
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		\$21,156 38
Bank and corporation tax,		\$978 72

VALUE OF PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Literary Institutions,	\$27,350 00	
Church property,	52,300 00	
Petticoat Hill Park,	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$81,150 00
Estimated value of Public Buildings, Water Works, Fire Apparatus, and Sinking Fund,		\$90,719 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. DAMON,	}	Selectmen
LAWRENCE MOLLOY,		of
HALLECK H. NICHOLS.		Williamsburg.

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1911.

January	4.	Boleslov Golas.
"	22.	Benjamin Vondeloski.
February	1.	Stefania Zebrowska.
"	9.	Mari Elizabeth Taylor.
"	21.	Esther Louise Lincoln.
"	24.	Mildred Esther Robarge.
March	10.	Lorencia Sweeney.
"	19.	Joseph Kulac.
"	22.	Stanislaus Kowalzik.
"	24.	Joseph Lintner.
April	4.	Antoinette Beatrice Babineau.
"	4.	Catherine Julia Riley.
"	17.	Esther Mary Coffee.
"	30.	Vonda Hmielewski.
May	11.	Vonda Antoz.
"	15.	Anna Catherine Westin.
"	21.	Watchlov Wydra.
"	28.	Antony Varnitsky.
"	31.	Dorothy Arcelia Mayotte.
June	4.	Stephen Gressik.
"	5.	Thomas Cofocostas.
"	6.	Emma Josephine Jondreau.
"	6.	Frederick Joseph Jondreau.
"	8.	Edward Lester.
"	8.	George Ernest Cranson.
"	11.	Edward Wierstat.

June	20.	Stavula Caryofilles.
"	20.	Ignatius Zisk.
July	2.	Anthony Maleck.
"	2.	Mary Mwrawski.
"	6.	Lorena D. LaFoe.
"	6.	Henrietta Larkin.
"	9.	Mary Agnes Allaire.
"	9.	Ceslava Wodginski.
"	9.	Marie Agnes Allaire.
"	13.	Anna Kulash.
"	17.	Onias Benjamin Duplin.
"	19.	Allen Lewis Brewer.
"	20.	Barbara Wells Bisbee.
"	22.	Edna Rose Fontaine.
"	31.	George Liapes.
August	2.	Stanislaus Batura.
"	12.	William Haskin Moran.
"	16.	Mary Egesta Black.
"	23.	Reah Viola Knox.
"	25.	Kathleen Benoit.
September	15.	Roger William Kinney.
"	18.	Bronislaw Culash.
"	22.	Joseph Kurzek.
"	24.	Evangeline Kitson.
October	2.	Henry Thompson Drake.
"	13.	Francis Edward Brazill.
"	17.	Mary Ellen Molloy.
November	7.	Salamanca Mascovicz.
"	14.	Alice Anna Maturin.
"	30.	Alexandra Naumowicz.
December	15.	Corinne Virginie Loupien.
"	19.	(Robert) <u>Damon</u> Warner.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1911.

January	1.	Joseph John Larkin of Williamsburg. Hazel Mary Lynch of Williamsburg.
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| March | 1. | Charles Edwin Evans of Springfield.
Elizabeth Hague Elder of Williamsburg. |
| April | 29. | Athanas J. Papademetriou of Williamsburg
Olga G. Karamaropoulou of Ludlow. |
| May | 1. | Edmund F. Tillson of Hartford, Ct.
Almeda F. Prentiss of Williamsburg. |
| | 16. | Raymond G. Bradford of Williamsburg.
Helen M. Warner of Williamsburg. |
| June | 27. | William H. Hannum of Easthampton.
Rose E. Sylvester of Williamsburg. |
| | 27. | Wilfred J. Duplissee of Williamsburg.
Grace Vanslet of Northampton. |
| July | 2. | Wladislaw Golas of Williamsburg.
Bronistawa Bulock of Williamsburg. |
| | 14. | William C. Devlin of Williamsburg.
Flora S. Vollinger of Northampton. |
| August | 7. | Anton Kostek of Williamsburg.
Klemyntyna Ozga of Amherst. |
| September | 1. | Rufus E. Miner of Williamsburg.
Effie Louise Culver of Williamsburg. |
| | 5. | George Albert Moore of Cambridge.
Bertha Louise Thresher of Cambridge. |
| | 6. | James H. MacNaughton of Belmont.
Ruby M. Thresher of Williamsburg. |
| | 14. | James Henry Shaw of Springfield.
Frances Louise Belcher of Springfield. |
| | 18. | Joseph Misorski of Williamsburg.
Anna Cydlowski of Williamsburg. |
| | 25. | Stephen Vondolosky of Williamsburg.
Vonda Micolasky of Williamsburg. |
| October | 18. | Robert Page Emrick of Williamsburg.
Jennie Lavina Tennyson of Chestertown,
N. Y. |

- October 23. Mark Taradyna of Williamsburg.
Maryana Keztewska of Williamsburg.
25. Caleb D. Allen of Whately.
Bessie M. Coddington of Williamsburg.
- November 6. Kostantz Moraz of Williamsburg.
Honorata Perezak of Williamsburg.
13. John Stefanin of Williamsburg.
Ceslaus B. Ratanska of Northampton.
13. Frank Wilynski of Williamsburg.
Margarita Mortski of Williamsburg.
15. Nelson H. Damon of Williamsburg.
Jannette Williams of Williamsburg.
29. Patrick Joseph Murray of Williamsburg.
Gertrude D. Latham of Northampton.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1911.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.
Jan. 4.	James M. Foster,	79 yrs.
20.	Willard Williams,	65 yrs. 6 mos. 20 days.
Feb. 3.	Louis Miller,	62 yrs. 5 mos.
24.	John W. Belcher,	84 yrs. 2 mos. 16 days.
Mar. 5.	Paraskive Gravas,	27 yrs.
11.	George Prastes,	20 yrs.
15.	David Larkin,	22 yrs. 0 mos. 9 days.
15.	Chauncey W. Fay,	72 yrs. 7 mos. 7 days.
17.	Myron Ames,	79 yrs. 9 mos. 17 days.
April 6.	Stephania Zebrowsky,	2 mos. 6 days.
11.	Emeline J. Ames,	70 yrs. 2 mos.
13.	Alexander Vondeski,	4 mos.
27.	Emily Stoughton,	91 yrs. 11 mos. 2 days.
May 16.	James Mansfield, Sr.,	76 yrs.
17.	Thomas J. Walsh,	51 yrs.
18.	William Perry Hager,	36 yrs. 4 mos. 14 days.
29.	Edward Lyman Hill,	84 yrs. 4 mos. 7 days.
June 2.	Mary Plevka,	1 yr.
4.	Celina Garrett,	55 yrs.

June	10.	Silence Hall Adams,	87 yrs.	2 mos.	11 days.
	11.	William Cowing,	24 yrs.	3 mos.	13 days.
	28.	Stella Roula Caryofilles,			9 days.
July	9.	Abbie Porter Everett,	70 yrs.	5 mos.	7 days.
	21.	Joseph A. Packard,	20 yrs.	7 mos.	8 days.
Aug.	24.	Ignatius Zisk,		2 mos.	4 days.
	24.	Lucy Lee Rising,	63 yrs.	5 mos.	5 days.
Sept.	4.	John F. Quinn,	41 yrs.		
	12.	John Sullivan,	56 yrs.		
	25.	Cyrenthia E. Spear,	77 yrs.	7 mos.	22 days.
Oct.	12.	Electa Wait,	98 yrs.	1 mo.	28 days.
	27.	Frank C. Richards,	56 yrs.	7 mos.	6 days.
Nov.	6.	Jeremiah E. Miner,	71 yrs.	5 mos.	10 days.
Dec.	11.	Myra P. Goodhue,	90 yrs.	6 mos.	18 days.
	10.	Charles May Ives,	65 yrs.	9 mos.	14 days.

Number of Hunters' Licenses issued in 1911, 109.

Amount received in fees for same, \$16.35.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. HILL, Town Clerk.

Report of Library Trustees.

The Trustees of the Haydenville Public Library make the following report :

There have been 127 new books purchased during the last year and have received about fifty old books, given by the Springfield library.

There are now 1,922 books catalogued this year, with about a hundred people who take books from the library. There have been no books rebound this year, that work having been thoroughly done two years ago. The much-needed repairs on the inside of the building have been made. Another year the foundation of the building needs to be repaired.

The appropriation of \$200.00 is just the amount needed for the purchase of books, care of the building, and needed repairs for the maintenance of the library.

The financial report is as follows :

Paid W. M. Purrington, insurance,	\$13 09
G. M. Bradford,	5 75
F. W. Warner, labor,	15 87
A. T. Peterson,	70
Thomas H. Ives, services,	20 00
Martha Marks, “	10 00
J. T. Downer, painting,	9 00
Bridgman & Lyman, books,	108 27
Sundries,	5 75
	—————
	\$188 43

AVAILABLE FOR LIBRARY.

Town Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Received for fines,	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$203 75
Balance unexpended,		<hr/> \$15 32

GEORGE M. PAGE,	}	Trustees,
THOMAS H. IVES,		
LIZZIE PURRINGTON,		

Water Commissioners' Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand, last report,	\$737 13	
Received for water rent,	2,728 92	
“ “ “ “ (hydrants and water tanks),	5 00	
“ “ service connections,	391 50	
“ interest on deposits,	21 93	
“ appropriation for High St. and Myrtle Ave. extensions,	1,107 13	
	<hr/>	\$5,486 61

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Lawrence Molloy, mileage and wit- ness fees,	\$22 76
George A. Thresher, mileage and witness fees,	10 50
R. D. Ames, mileage and witness fees,	10 01
C. R. Damon, “ “ “	15 08
J. W. Hill, “ “ “	134 58
F. A. Brooks, “ “ “	134 58
W. M. Purrington, mileage and witness fees,	38 63
A. S. Hills, mileage and witness fees,	121 71
A. S. Hills, labor on service trench,	1 05
C. K. Darling, for copies of wit- ness certificates,	1 50

Paid Jesse F. Wells, damage to horse from blasting,	\$2 00
P. J. Murphy, plumbing and labor,	251 22
George A. Thresher, labor and lumber,	21 50
H. G. Hill Co., for labor on Wil- liams St. extension,	2 40
H. W. Graves, for labor,	2 00
for curb boxes,	16 60
Norwood Engineering Co., for galvanized iron pipe, hydrant, and gate boxes,	105 44
H. S. Gere & Sons, for advertising,	1 50
Wm. Chadwick, for blacksmithing,	1 95
freight on iron pipe,	29 20
R. D. Wood & Co., for 4-in. iron pipe,	206 97
Frank Cowing, for labor,	1 75
A. Bailey, " "	6 50
telegram to R. D. Wood & Co,	79
F. A. Brooks, expressage,	1 50
Albert Allaire, labor,	3 90
Miss Susie Cranson, for typewriting,	4 75
O. L. Davis, inspector,	44 00
" " inspecting plumbing,	5 00
John M. Dineen, for laying pipe on High St. and Myrtle Ave.,	537 25
The Haydenville Co., bills ren- dered to August, 1911,	242 75
W. M. Purrington, collecting wa- ter rent, postage, etc.,	18 06
E. E. Davis, surveys and plans of High St. and Myrtle Ave. ext.,	25 00
E. E. Davis, surveys and plans of Village Hill extension,	16 60
Thayer Mfg. Co., labor,	5 00
freight on curb boxes,	1 96
for labor on Hosford extension,	105 37

Paid for bill heads,	\$3 00	
George Thresher, for labor at reservoirs,	17 04	
George Thresher, for care of res- ervoirs,	25 00	
for stamped envelopes,	4 33	
N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. Co., labor at Hosford's crossing,	2 86	
George H. Warner, for labor,	5 00	
H. W. Hill, Treasurer,	3,000 00	
Balance cash on hand,	278 02	
	————	\$5,486 61

F. A. BROOKS,	}	Water Commissioners.
A. S. HILLS,		
J. W. HILL,		

Report of School Committee.

FOR YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1912.

We hereby submit our annual report. This includes reports of Superintendent, Music Teacher, Truant Officer and Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The High Schools have been in session forty (40) weeks and the others thirty-six (36).

We are happy to say that we have done better than last year and have kept within the appropriation and have some three hundred dollars left by hard work and leaving some things undone and will need as much for another year.

NEEDED REPAIRS.

Water put in Skinnerville room and metal ceiling on two more of Haydenville Center rooms and one or more of the Williamsburg Center rooms need new seats and desks, some of which should be done next year.

T. F. DUNPHY,
H. N. GODDARD,
GEO. H. WARNER.

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Williamsburg, Mass.:

GENTLEMEN :—The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith presented for your consideration and approval.

The same number of schools as last year has been continued and all have been taught by competent and efficient teachers, the work has progressed steadily, smoothly and satisfactorily.

There is no time but what it is possible to make improvement in some direction, since like other interests the schools are presumed to progress and adapt themselves to the requirements of the times, and it has been the desire of the authorities to keep informed about all progressive movements, judge as to their value when locally applied, and endorse and utilize them, when determined valuable and reasonable, as far as conditions will permit.

But one change in the corps of teachers was made in September, a very unusual and almost remarkable record, showing emphatically that the citizens have confidence in their teachers and believe in retaining those tried and proved good when possible.

The change referred to above was made necessary by the resignation of Principal O'Shea of the Haydenville High-Grammar School. The Committee made every possible attempt to retain him, but at the salary paid it is almost impossible to keep a teacher of his ability for longer than one year. Of course this is a constant menace to the value

of the school, as has been abundantly proved by past experience, but in a town with the large expenses of this it can hardly be expected that we can enjoy perfect conditions. The Committee feel that it was extremely fortunate in the selection of his successor and the work of the school has gone on in the most satisfactory manner. Under the energetic, wise and efficient management of the present principal, cordially assisted by the other teachers who thoroughly understand the needs of the schools and the character of the pupils, the Haydenville schools have become as near a model of successful discipline, thorough instruction and dilligent application to performance of duty as can be expected under present circumstances.

The Williamsburg Center schools have been equally fortunate in their teachers and are doing good work. The spirit of mischief-making and disturbance which was occasionally in evidence during the first part of the year seems to have been overcome, and the pupils are applying themselves to their duties well. The out schools have also been good and profitable and hardly interrupted by illness at all, save in the case of the Searsville School, which was closed two weeks owing to the prevalence of mumps. The manner in which this disease was brought into the school serves to emphasize the need of most careful medical inspection and the immediate reporting of all suspicious cases of illness to the school physician. The continuance of the school in the Staab Building appears to be wise and beneficial to all concerned. It has so equalized the work that the pupils are receiving more individual attention than was possible before. The change made in the grades of the High School appears to be warranted by results, but hardly sufficient time has elapsed to report with certainty on the real merits of the present plan.

The Town has failed to receive from the State thousands of dollars because of a technicality in the compliance with the requirements of the law and, although really giving our pupils better advantages than some schools receiving State aid, we have actually been fined for so doing. By

the present arrangement this technicality has been overcome, but there is doubt as to whether we shall receive the aid ; if we do not, it is an open question as to our ability to continue the present arrangement. More work is being done in the school than before, and it seems probable that we may soon complete the High School course in town and avoid the expense of sending pupils to other schools.

There is some complaint, and with reason, by the teachers of the higher grades that many of the children are expected to devote so much time to entertainments of various kinds which calls for late hours at night that it interferes with their duties in school. This may not be general, but it is probably true in many cases that the fag and weariness so often noticed is not the result of over-work in the schoolroom.

The School Industrial Club formed last year has proved a very successful organization. There is a good membership, and the exhibit given in the Town Hall was large and excellent, proving that our pupils are able to make a good showing in industrial activities and evidencing the possibilities of systematized training along this line. The attendance on the exhibit and the evening address by Professor Hart of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was large and appreciative. The speaker strongly complimented the work done and the spirit of interest shown. It is very evident that our townspeople believe in this instruction and recognize it as a legitimate function of the common schools. The instruction in music has been continued under the supervision of Miss Larkin, and the public has had opportunity to judge of results as shown in the singing of the pupils at public and other entertainments. Special attention is called to the full and interesting report of the Supervisor following this.

The instruction in drawing has also been continued in the Haydenville schools, and though this is paid for from a private fund, yet the report of the teacher is of interest to all and is appended to this.

The Committee introduced into the central schools, for a

portion of the fall and winter terms, systematic instruction in sewing. This was done with the desire and for the purpose of ascertaining the value of such a course, the character of the work done by the pupils and to obtain an expression of the citizens regarding it. Several lessons were given and all the girl pupils above fourth grade were included in the classes. So far as can be ascertained at present, the teachers, parents and pupils are generally pleased with the plan, and there appears to be a strong desire to have it made a permanent part of the school course.

It is equally desirable that some instruction of like nature be given the boys, but it seems difficult to arrange for it at present. Sometime it is hoped that proper appliances for industrial training can be afforded. Classes in penmanship and drawing for the boys were taught by Principal Larkin and Miss Nichols at Williamsburg during the time of the sewing lessons.

A class of four completed the course of the High School, three of whom are now attending the Northampton High School. The closing exercises held in the Town Hall on the evening of June 30, 1911, were of usual excellence and attended by a large number of citizens. All the parts were taken excellently and the essays were of great merit. The music by members of the school under the direction of Miss Larkin was greatly appreciated and added much to the pleasure and interest of the occasion. The address by Mr. C. W. King was one of the best and very helpful and interesting.

With the exception of the High School course little change in the curriculum has been made. Too frequent changes tend to disconnect work and create uncertainty and confusion of both teachers and pupils. The general course as now formulated is, in effect, the same as generally adopted in schools of like character. It is true that changes, and some quite radical, might possibly be made to advantage, but it must be remembered that such cannot well be inaugurated in any individual community without

probable injustice to those intending to enter other schools. The higher schools practically determine the character of the courses in those of lower grade and any material departure from them places the pupils at a disadvantage when seeking admission to such higher schools. The present course might be extended by the addition of several requirements which would not conflict with a preparation for other courses and prove of advantage to many who may not be able to secure more than a common school education. These will probably come as soon as conditions will permit.

A very encouraging indication of increased interest in our schools during the past year has been the intelligent, reasonable and helpful criticisms made. This shows a real appreciation of the worth of our schools and a desire to increase their efficiency and give helpful aid. Such criticisms are ever welcome to those in authority and should be much more frequent than they are. No person is infallible in educational matters and all may make mistakes because of imperfect knowledge of conditions, and no really competent person will object to intelligent criticism; mere fault-finding based on personal prejudice or fancied injury, or by persons totally unable to judge correctly of matters about which they can possibly know little is entirely a different matter. The parents especially should be free to consult with the school officials at any time and thus make known to them circumstances which they are not knowing to because of difficulty in ascertaining them, or suggest such things as seem for the good of all concerned. The Superintendent is selected to have general oversight of school matters because he is presumed to be especially fitted for this by education and experience, and in a town like this most are willing to trust his judgment, a very pleasant condition of affairs, but he is still mortal and likely to err, sometimes in judgment sometimes because he cannot ascertain many facts known to others, and he most heartily welcomes the assistance which may come from the practical, interested citizen. He cannot

enter into the merits of all the minor disturbances which are continually arising in school, and must form his judgment of teachers largely by results obtained in the school-room. Personal prejudice can have no part in this judgment, and only the best good of all is to be considered.

No extensive repairs on buildings have been made, but some very desirable improvements have been completed, notably the connecting of the Maple Street and Purrington Schools with the water main and the placing of modern sanitary drinking fountains in the buildings. It is to be hoped that the same arrangement can be made at Skinnerville soon.

There are certain repairs very much needed and that should not be long delayed. The seats and desks in the grammar and primary rooms at Williamsburg are in exceedingly poor condition and hardly fit to use. They should be replaced with adjustable ones. The interior of the house at Searsville is unsightly and unsanitary. The disfiguring cracks about the ceiling should be filled in some way and the whole interior brightened with paint or some other suitable preparation.

Many of the desks and seats at Nash Street are badly out of repair and almost past mending. If new ones could be installed at the same time as at the Center it would be a profitable improvement.

The condition of the Central building at Haydenville is such as to threaten injury to the health of all pupils in the High-Grammar and Grammar rooms and cause much loss of time and needless expense. It is impossible to warm these rooms whenever the weather approaches zero, and it has been necessary to close the schools several times during the winter because of this. The difficulty is certainly not with the attention given the furnace, but probably due to loose construction of that wing of the building. It has also been found very difficult to properly warm the grammar room at Williamsburg Village, although the furnace is new and carefully tended. The water pipes in the base-

ment are constantly freezing, causing inconvenience and continual expense for repairs.

There is one further improvement worthy of consideration, though possibly not so emphatically demanded as those mentioned. The Skinnerville house is so located as to be very conspicuous to all persons passing, and its appearance and surroundings do not convey a very flattering idea of attempts to make school surroundings attractive. If this house could be painted white and furnished with blinds it would materially increase its attractiveness and make it an ornament to the street. The out-buildings also are not located just right and these might well be improved at small expense.

In closing this report your Superintendent desires to express his hearty appreciation of the cordial coöperation and assistance of all members of the School Board, of the earnest work done by the teachers and their manifest wish to carry out suggestions, and of the confidence in him and interest in his work shown by the citizens of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. GOODHUE, Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue, Superintendent of Schools :

DEAR SIR :—Each year it is more evident that music is a very important subject in the school curriculum. It is a serious factor in the mental, physical and emotional development of the child and is as important in character molding as any subject taught in school. Music has a powerful influence on a susceptible child. Hence great care is always employed in selecting song material that it shall be music worth knowing, within range of all voices, and that the words set to music will all awaken in the pupils the finer qualities of their nature.

Each grade has certain branches of theory work and songs especially adapted to their voice limitations.

The first grade pupils are able to sing a number of pretty melodies in exercises from the board, also poems and mother-goose rhymes set to music are sung exceptionally well. The children delight in being able to sing a story to you, rather than tell it in words unaccompanied by music. And it is a delight to hear how well the little people read exercises from the board at sight.

The second grade pupils read exercises involving more difficult intervals in reading and time. A number of rote songs are here added to their collection of song material.

In the third grades the pupils are reading exercises taking in the new problems of time and tune scheduled for this grade. In four third-grades in this town we are using books, and in one of these grades they are singing splendidly two-part exercises and songs.

The fourth and fifth grades are doing excellent work in two-part songs. The theory work in this grade consists of singing and reading chromatic tones as accurately as scale tones.

In the sixth and seventh grades we are singing selections in three parts from the best composers. The manner in which these songs are sung in these grades deserve much praise. The theory work here means real hard work in both tune and time problems.

Eighth and ninth grades in Haydenville are doing advanced theory work and singing splendidly four part songs. This is the only place in the town where the eighth and ninth grades are in a room apart from other grades, which make it possible for them to obtain better results in the course marked out especially for this grade.

Throughout the whole musical course special attention is given to good tone production and careful use of the voice. In the High School in Williamsburg the pupils have good material to work on. Here we have an unusually small number of boys' voices this year, and those we have are undergoing the period of mutation or changing

voice, which is a very trying time for the voice. However, a great deal of the song material is very well done.

The district schools are profiting greatly by their music, and specially good work has been accomplished in the Mountain Street school, where they are singing three-part compositions.

It is very gratifying to see how persevering the pupils are when trying to master a problem in music. Also to see how alert they are to employ any mark of tempo or expression which may appear in the song work.

We are now preparing an "Operetta" by Herbert which contains some very pretty music, as well as many other pleasant features. We have spent a great deal of time different years preparing entertainments for the benefit of the schools. This year the proceeds are to be added to the standing fund with the expectation of purchasing a piano for the Haydenville High-Grammar room. The piano now in use in the Williamsburg High School, purchased through the efforts of the pupils and all who in any way assisted, is greatly appreciated by all who may have occasion to use it. We trust that our entertainment this year will meet with as marked approval and success as in former years.

The interest and diligent work of the teachers is to be recognized as no small part in the success of our musical work. To them as well as to the pupils and school officials I extend my hearty appreciation.

Respectfully,

GRACE M. LARKIN.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue, Superintendent of Schools :

DEAR SIR:—The following report upon the subject of drawing I submit for your consideration.

During the last year more time has been given to industrial drawing in every grade, and the good results secured

are due chiefly to the fact that the grade teachers have taken so much interest in the subject. Each year sees an improvement in the teachers' ability to carry out the work planned, and thus the good results secured by the pupils easily manifested.

In the primary grades the drawing period is looked forward to with delight by the children. Nothing pleases them so much as to get hold of a brush and pretty colors. The results are often crude, but it is a beginning for better things.

Then comes the drill in measurements, cutting, folding and in simple design. At last, when a child has made something useful with his own hands, one can scarcely realize his delight, and the first question he asks is, "May I take this home?"

If the parents would show their interest in what their child brings home it would do more to help him than anything a teacher could do, and the child will put his best effort into his next task.

Drawing in our public schools ought to educate the children to see truthfully. Seeing truthfully, or being able to form a correct mental image, is a foundation for every line of work. It may be a picture to be painted, a reading lesson, or a problem in mathematics, a child who is habitually inaccurate in observation shows the same carelessness in expression, whether by speech, writing or drawing. A well-executed thought-out drawing is a sure indication of excellence in any line of work. In the grammar grades we have carried the same general plan of work along much the same as last year.

The fourth grade has taken up free-hand lettering, design, and made an illustrated booklet of "Silhouettes" with suitable text. In the fifth grade we go on with free-hand lettering—the ability to make quick free-hand lettering is important and useful. In this grade they learn how to sketch and make booklets on "Picture-Making," giving an early history of drawing. At the end of the year some useful article is made with applied design.

In the sixth and seventh grades the important work of the fifth year is reviewed, then fore-shortening is studied, also geometric problems and simple working-drawings. We make some article drawn to a scale and add an appropriate design. We design and cut stencils and apply them to shopping-bags, sofa-cushions, etc., etc.

In the eighth and ninth grades the principles of perspective are studied, and objects are drawn to illustrate the same. A little time is given to work in color and design. However, it seems best that we should give most of the time in these grades to advanced constructive drawing. The various geometric problems are worked out, and machine details studied, and finished working-drawings made of the V-thread screw and the square-thread screw on a large scale, also the hexagonal bolt-head and nut at different views, various kinds of pulleys, and gears with teeth in mesh, etc., etc. Architectural drawings have been made of simple houses, as three views of a house, consisting of a kitchen, sleeping-room, living-room, bath-room, hall, pantry, front and back piazza. The pupils show much interest in this last branch of work, but one of these drawings takes a great deal of time, as they are worked out to a scale.

I would like to state here that the pupils in the last two grades have been greatly inspired in their constructive drawing by the great interest you have taken in their work, and I have been encouraged and helped by the suggestions you have given along the lines, also by the hearty co-operation of the teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA C. EVANS,

Supervisor of Drawing.

STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1911.

SCHOOLS.	Boys Enrolled	Girls Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Total Days Attendance	Adult Visitors	State Wards	Boston Wards	Visits by Supt.
Williamsburg High,.....	19	25	38.51	36.75	94.89	7327.	11	0	2	17
Intermediate,.....	15	16	24.66	23.43	95.01	4151.5	15	1	0	13
First Primary,.....	31	23	36.85	34.65	94.15	6053.5	10	6	1	9
Second Primary,.....	10	5	12.88	11.76	90.80	1251.	16	0	0	8
Searsville,.....	13	9	17.07	15.48	89.32	2711.	25	0	1	10
North Street,.....	2	4	4.39	4.09	93.16	297.5	4	3	1	4
Nash Street,.....	12	8	17.68	17.08	96.60	3031.	16	0	3	10
Mountain Street,.....	9	9	14.89	13.81	92.72	2458.5	24	2	0	11
Skinnerville,.....	13	8	20.71	19.19	92.68	3423.5	0	6	1	9
Haydenville High-Gram.	16	13	23.99	22.79	95.00	4260.	6	1	0	16
Grammar,.....	28	15	36.74	31.51	90.94	5981.	11	2	4	14
Intermediate,.....	21	22	39.16	35.41	90.12	6305.	11	10	6	11
Third Primary,.....	19	14	30.56	28.95	94.60	5142.5	28	6	1	11
Second Primary,.....	21	6	23.05	21.27	92.28	3782.5	1	4	1	7
First Primary,.....	25	16	36.27	33.87	93.21	6094.5	32	5	0	9
Totals,	254	193	377.41	350.04	95.40	62570	210	46	21	158

Total number of pupils in town,	426
Number of pupils between the ages of 5 and 14 years,	
Boys,	211
Girls,	168
Number of pupils between the ages of 7 and 16 years,	
Boys,	198
Girls,	154
Number of pupils over the age of 16 years,	
Boys,	7
Girls,	6
Number of Girls registered,	193
Number of Boys registered,	253
Number of teachers graduated from normal schools,	5
Number who attended without graduating,	1
Number of teachers graduated from college,	2
Number of teachers graduated from academies,	2
Number of teachers graduated from high school only,	7
Number of weeks of school in lower grades,	36
Number of weeks of school in high school,	40
Cost of schooling per pupil including high school,	\$21.96
Cost of books and supplies per pupil,	.99

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIANS.

Mr. E. W. Goodhue,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir :

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, I herewith present my report as School Physician.

Whole number of pupils examined,	159
Number of cases decayed teeth needing attention,	27
Number of cases pediculosis capilis,	4
Number of cases eczema,	2
Number cases of adenoids and enlarged tonsils,	10

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HAYES, M. D.

To the Superintendent of Schools,
Haydenville, Mass.

Dear Sir :

I present herewith the annual report of the medical inspection of the schools of Haydenville :—

Total number of pupils examined,	228
Cases of decayed teeth, noted as bad,	26
Cases of decayed teeth, noted as poor,	65
Cases of adenoids and enlarged tonsils,	20
Cases of pediculi capitis,	22
Cases of defective nutrition,	6
Number not vaccinated,	60

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. WHEELER, M. D.

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1912-1913.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE COMMITTEE.

1912 :

September	3.	First term begins.
October	11.	Celebrate as Columbus Day. Holiday.
November	28-29.	Thanksgiving recess.
December	20.	First term closes.
December	30.	Second term of high school begins.

1913 :

January	6.	Second term of lower schools begins.
February	21.	Celebrate as Washington's Birthday.
		Holiday.
March	14.	Second term closes.
March	31.	Third term begins.
April	18.	Celebrate as Patriots' Day. Holiday.
May	30.	Memorial Day. Holiday.
June	6.	Third term closes.
June	27.	Third term of high school closes.

DAYS TO BE OBSERVED WITH APPROPRIATE EXERCISES.

February	12.	Lincoln's Birthday.
May	29.	Patriotic Exercises.
		Arbor Day
		Band of Mercy Day.

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS.

Two blasts once repeated at 8:00 and 11:30 a. m., by the whistles on Bradford's Mill, Williamsburg, and Haydensville Company's Shop.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL.

Friday, June 30, 1911.

Program.

Class Motto—Au Moyen de Merite et Labeur.

Joys of Spring—Adam Geibel,	The School
Prayer,	Rev. John Pierpont.
Salutatory and Essay—Aerial	
Navigation,	Linwould Thomas Culver
Class History,	Evelyn Elizabeth Hyde.
Essay—Juvenile Reform,	Elwyn Eugene Hyde.
Boating Song—Charles Gilbert	
Spross,	Girls' Quartette.
Lecture—The Profit and Loss	
Account,	Mr. C. W. King.
Class Prophecy,	Edward Francis Loomis.
Valedictory,	Elwyn Eugene Hyde.
Presentation of Certificates,	Supt. E. W. Goodhue.
Arion Waltz—F. A. Vogel,	The School.
Benediction,	Rev. Robert H. Life.

CLASS OFFICERS.

President,	Edward Francis Loomis.
Vice-President,	Linwould Thomas Culver.
Treasurer,	Elwyn Eugene Hyde.
Secretary,	Evelyn Elizabeth Hyde.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

Edward Francis Loomis,	Elwyn Eugene Hyde,
Evelyn Elizabeth Hyde.	

ENGLISH COURSE.

Linwould Thomas Culver,

Class Colors,	Green and White,
Class Flower,	Pink Rose.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Town Appropriation,	\$5,000 00
Superintendent,	375 00
Text Books and Supplies,	450 00
Tuition,	250 00
Repairs,	400 00
Income Mass. School Fund,	1,309 47
" Collins " "	775 80
From State for H. S. tuition,	175 00
" Schooling State Wards,	674 25
" City of Boston, schooling,	342 50
" Refund Dog Tax,	137 05
" Supt. of Schools' Fund,	375 00
" Teachers' Fund,	250 00
	—————\$10,512 09

EXPENDITURES.

Teaching,	\$6,447 75
Tuition,	275 00
Transportation,	587 00
Cleaning,	55 75
Fuel,	613 71
Repairs,	173 09
Sundries,	345 07
Text books and supplies,	482 43
Janitors,	437 12
Superintendent,	750 00
	—————\$10,166 92

TEACHERS.

Williamsburg High,	E. P. Larkin,	\$750 00
“ “	Ethel May King,	490 00
“ Grammar,	Jennie Nichols,	353 00
“ Primary,	Katherine V. Riley,	380 75
“ “	Isabelle McFarland,	333 00
Haydenville High,	Peter F. O'Shea,	250 00
“ “	Frank J. Lynch,	262 50
“ Grammar,	Josephine G. Cahill,	407 00
“ Intermediate,	Helen G. Ryan,	389 00
“ 1st Primary,	Lizzie Purrington,	407 00
“ 2nd “	Ethel Curry,	370 00
“ 3rd “	Elizabeth Mullaley,	353 00
Skinnerville,	Nellie A. Dolan,	334 50
Mountain Street,	Etta May Manning,	8 50
“ “	Fannie Kendrick,	36 00
“ “	Eva M. Wells,	288 00
Nash Street,	Louise H. Thayer,	68 00
“ “	Ethel H. King,	261 00
Searsville,	Grace I. Drake,	286 50
Music,	Grace M. Larkin,	390 00
Sewing,	Grace A. Gilkey,	30 00
		————— \$6,447 75

JANITORS.

Henry Danscereau,	\$195 00
A. Bailey,	186 12
Nellie A. Dolan,	18 00
Grace Drake,	12 50
M. H. Smart,	9 00
Etta M. Manning,	50
Fannie Kendrick,	2 00
Eva M. Wells,	14 00
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	\$437 12

TUITION.

City of Northampton,	\$275 00
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TRANSPORTATION.

Northampton Street Railway Co.,	\$125 00	
Thomas Culver,	51 00	
E. P. Hemenway,	105 00	
S. A. Clark,	294 00	
Mr. Goodwin,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$587 00

CLEANING.

H. Danscereau,	\$28 75	
Jennie L. Nichols,	7 00	
Nellie A. Dolan,	3 00	
M. H. Smart,	3 50	
C. A. Nichols,	3 50	
A. Bailey,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$55 75

FUEL.

T. I. Breckenridge,	\$522 51	
G. M. Bradford,	20 70	
B. Loomis,	24 50	
G. Dolan,	6 50	
G. H. Warner,	17 00	
M. N. Adams,	13 50	
F. C. Sanderson,	5 50	
C. W. Warner,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$613 71

SUPERINTENDENT.

Salary,	\$750 00
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REPAIRS.

A. Bailey,	\$24 79
P. J. Murphy,	10 45
J. J. Handfield,	1 25
A. G. Cone,	5 69
F. L. Taylor,	28 75

Oliver Ducharme,	\$25 75	
John Kenney,	1 75	
E. W. Goodhue,	60	
Chas. N. Church,	1 50	
Geo. H. Warner,	18 19	
H. Danscereau,	11 50	
G. M. Bradford,	4 23	
Thayer Mfg. Co.,	2 15	
John Welch,	1 10	
H. E. Bradford,	1 50	
P. J. O'Connor,	17 60	
Robert Trainor,	11 30	
Wm. Chadwick,	1 24	
W. H. Riley,	2 50	
C. W. Warner,	1 25	
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SUNDRIES.

Matthew Dolan,	\$ 2 60
R. F. Burke,	32 10
A. Bailey,	1 00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.,	14 54
E. K. Mullaley,	38
Henry Danscereau,	1 50
Wilfred Rogers,	10 00
C. F. Sears,	4 00
Byron Loomis,	4 00
E. P. Larkin Jr.,	40
J. G. Cahill,	15
J. D. Staab,	78 00
F. W. Warner,	5 40
Town of Williamsburg	49 00
W. J. Sheehan,	23 54
Crittenden & Munson,	18 75
W. H. Riley,	2 85
Fred Kenney,	2 50
E. W. Goodhue,	8 02

W. Irving Thayer,	\$ 4 00	
Wm. O'Neil,	5 00	
Grace I. Drake,	30	
H. P. Goddard,	2 00	
H. E. Bradford,	1 25	
Consolidated Dry Goods Co.,	10 80	
Albert Allaire,	50	
J. A. Sullivan,	1 60	
Hazel Warner,	5 00	
C. A. Nichols,	1 40	
F. W. Thayer,	11 61	
Grace M. Larkin,	3 30	
Larkin Bros.,	1 15	
T. F. Dunphy,	5 85	
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TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

E. E. Babb & Co.,	\$316 45	
Oliver Ditson Co.,	11 86	
The Palmer Co.,	15	
Educational Publishing Co.,	6 61	
United States Envelope Co.,	5 25	
Johnson, Bladgen & Co.,	4 80	
Forbes & Wallace,	15 20	
McKinley Publishing Co.,	9 40	
American Book Co.,	10 92	
Ginn & Co.,	43 28	
E. W. Goodhue,	16 70	
Esterbrook Steel Pen Co.,	3 96	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	22 16	
H. P. Goddard,	7 46	
Milton Bradley Co.,	5 23	
J. W. Heffernan,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$482 43

AUDITORS' STATEMENT.

WILLIAMSBURG, MASS., Feb. 14, 1912.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Water Commissioners, Library Fund Commissioners and School Committee, also examined the Collins School Fund, and found them correct and properly vouched for to the best of our knowledge and belief.

THOMAS P. LARKIN,
S. A. EWING.

